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SUBJECT: NATIONAL AIRLINES AIR SERVICE TO MEXICO AND
GUATEMALA

1. FOLLOWING IS FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION. NO ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS TIME.

2. NATIONAL AIRLINES HAS APPLIED TO CAB FOR PERMISSION (EXEMPTION AUTHORITY UNDER SEC. 416(B) OF FEDERAL AVIATION ACT) TO OPERATE THE FOLLOWING AIR ROUTE:

BETWEEN COTERMINAL POINTS HOUSTON, NEW ORLEANS AND TAMPA, INTERMEDIATE POINT MERIDA, MEXICO, AND TERMINAL POINT GUATEMALA CITY.

3. COPIES OF NATIONAL'S APPLICATION BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES. NATIONAL BASES ITS REQUEST ON NEED TO FILL GAP LEFT BY PAN AM'S TERMINATION OF MERIDA SERVICE AND ON
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LACK OF USABLE SINGLE-CARRIER SERVICE BETWEEN TAMPA/NEW

ORLEANS AND GUATEMALA CITY. AIRLINE PROPOSES TO USE
B-727 AIRCRAFT.

4. NATIONAL TOLD DEPTOFF THAT AIRLINE HAS NOT APPROACHED
GUATEMALA CIVAIR AUTHORITIES TO DATE. AIRLINE IS AWARE
OF NEW ORLEANS-GUATEMALA RESTRICTIONS PREVIOUSLY IMPOSED
ON PAN AM.

5. TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSED SERVICE, NATIONAL WOULD HAVE
TO OBTAIN SEPARATE OPERATING PERMIT FROM GUATEMALA AND BE
DESIGNATED BY US UNDER US-MEXICO CIVAIR BILATERAL. INGERSOLL

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